The Co-operative Department has not been as successful, as desirable in this State, not because the soil is unsuited or because of any inherent defects in the principles of co-operation but on account of the absence of adequate response and co operation on the part of the public and the absence of a larger number of selfless workers. It will be the endeavour, the duty and the ambition of the Department to show better results next year. The criticisms made by the chair contained also an appeal to the public, and the movement is not one for sceptics and coffers.

President: Next, the Uplift of Backward Communities. Do you want to say anything, Mr. Puduval.

Mr. R. Vasudeva Puduval (*Protector of Depressed Classes*): None, Sir.

The question that the Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,94,806 under Demand XX—Agriculture, a sum of Rs. 1,00,547 under Demand XXI—Industries, including Rubber Factory, a sum of Rs. 1,08,276 under Demand XXII—Co-operative Department, and a sum of Rs. 62,238 under Demand XXIII—Uplift of Backward Communities, was put to vote and carried.

The demands were granted.

Mr. James Fletcher (*Kalkulam and Vilavankode* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Sir, I propose that Demands XXIV, XXV and XXVI may be taken together.

The motion was put and carried.

DEMAND XXIV—MEDICAL.

Dr. S. John: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 13,05,395 under Demand XXIV—Medical.

DEMAND XXV—AYURVEDA.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panickar: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 1,07,495 under Demand XXV—Ayurveda.

DEMAND XXVI—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 3,43,705 under Demand XXIV—Public Health and Sanitation.

Mr. James Fletcher: Sir, I have just to say a few words about Ayurveda. We have got very great respect for the Allopathic system of medicine. But my submission is that in spite of the English or Western system of medicine, the ordinary man has great faith in the Eastern system of medicine. An ordinary villager goes first to a Siddha Physician or the Ayurveda Physician.

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